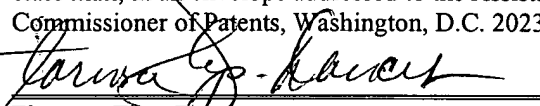


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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 28, 2001 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please add the abstract which is submitted herewith on a separate page.

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read:

-- An Open Ended Container Closure Including A Flexible Membrane And A Rigid Cap

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IN THE DRAWINGS

In Fig. 2 please change reference numeral "27" to -- 28 -- as shown in redline on the accompanying copy of Fig. 2. The Examiner's indication of the acceptability of the drawing amendment is requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 9, second full paragraph please add the statement of the originally filed claim 13:

The rigid cap supports the body of the can in a radial direction -- as follows a marked up copy of the paragraph being appended hereto.